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 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2);
- Copies of documents listed on Form PTO-1449, including English abstracts of the foreign patents cited, except the Dutch patent;
- 3. Copy of Search Report from European Patent Office;
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of 4 German patents and 1 PCT international application, with English translations, are enclosed. In addition, copies of 1 Dutch patent and 2 United Kingdom patents are enclosed. Also, a copy of the search report of the European Patent Office is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence

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that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists

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